

2017 DRAFTING REQUEST

Bill

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Topic:

Require LAB to establish an anonymous hotline for receiving complaints about practices at veterans homes

Instructions:

See attached

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

State Veterans Homes

Motion:

Move to adopt the following provisions related to the state veterans homes:

Employee Recruitment and Retention. Direct the Division of Personnel Management in DOA to include in the 2017-19 state employee compensation plan an increase in wages for personnel at the state veterans homes, for the purpose of improving recruitment and retention in position classifications with high vacancy rates. Specify that the wage increase should be targeted to provide an estimated increase expenditures for salary and fringe benefits by \$2,000,000 per year and should include an increase of at least \$1.00 to the hourly wage of certified nursing assistants. Increase funding by \$2,000,000 PR annually for the state veterans homes to reflect estimated salary and fringe benefit increases.

Anonymous Hotline. Direct the Legislative Audit Bureau to establish and maintain a separate toll-free telephone number for the purpose of receiving reports from employees, residents, or residents' families of the state veterans homes regarding any mismanagement, abuse, or neglect at the state veterans homes. Require the Audit Bureau to conduct an investigation to substantiate the claims made in the report, similar to the existing hotline for reporting fraud and mismanagement in state government. Specify that the identity of any person making a report must remain confidential and must not be reported to his or her employer.

Water Quality Reports. Direct DVA to conduct monthly water quality testing at the state veterans homes and publicize on its website the results of the tests.

Note:

This motion includes several provisions relating to the state veterans homes. First, it would direct the Division of Personnel Management to include in the 2017-19 state employee compensation plan an increase in wages for high-vacancy position classifications at the homes, with the goal of increasing total salary and fringe benefit expenditures by \$2,000,000 per year. Second, it would require the Legislative Audit Bureau to establish a separate anonymous hotline, similar to the existing fraud, waste, and abuse hotline, for reports of mismanagement at the state veterans homes. Third, it would require DVA to post the results of monthly water quality testing at the state veterans homes to its website.

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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2 at state veterans homes.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Legislative Audit Bureau to maintain a toll-free telephone number for the purpose of receiving reports of mismanagement, abuse, or neglect at the state veterans homes from the veterans homes' employees, residents, or families of residents. Under the bill, the LAB is required to conduct an investigation of the report or refer the report to ~~the Department of Administration~~ ^{Department} to conduct the investigation. The bill requires the LAB to keep the identity of any informant confidential unless the informant expressly agrees to the release of records that reveal the informant's identity. Except as necessary to complete an investigation, the LAB must keep confidential a report, an investigation of that report, and any information from that investigation until the investigation is complete.

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5 shall relay these reports to the appropriate bureau employee for investigation. If the
6 bureau has a bureau employee investigate the report, the employee may, subject to
7 subd. 3., consult with any department for any purpose related to the investigation.
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